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Cuba - Leningrad Anti - Missile Net Could Force U. S. Defense Switch

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Russia is converting Cuba into a menacing anti-mussile missile base that could force the U.S. to make vast changes in its nuclear decienses.

Soviet technicians are installing a complex massile tracking system in Cuba that is connected directly with a newly established antimassile control center near Moscow.

This highly important Kreinlin command post in turn is linked to the worlds first operational anti-missile base that has been constructed on the outskirts of Leningrad.

The startling discovery of these sinister Red missile installations was made by an Air Force Samos reconnaissance satellite and subsequently confirmed by other intelligence sources.

The satellite's highly-sensitive cameras photographed II "modified" SA-3 missiles on launches at the Leningrad base. These anti-missile missiles have the capability of shooting down interconnectial ballistic missiles.

THESE AND other still secret details of the Soviet's sensational anti-missile missile break-through and its link to Cuba are now being studied at the highest level in the Kennedy administration and the Senate.

See Richard Russell, D.Ga., chairman of the Arned Services Committee, is so disturbed by these intelligence tindings that he has set up a special three-member subcommittee to make a thorough study of the new threat.

Rusself asked Senators Henry Jackson, D. Strom Strom Thurmond, D.S.C., and Margaret Change Smith, R.-Me., to determine the full extent of the collegisted risk President Kennedy is taking on the following crucial decisions:

• Deterring unssile defense of American cates and other key centers until 1970.

• Doing nothing to eliminate Russia's anti-

missile missile base in Cuba before it becomes fully operational this fall.

The report of these senators is expected to determine whether the Senate Armed Services Committee will demand that the President take stern measures to counteract this new Soviet menace.

Discussion of such direct action has been under way among the senators for several weeks, but no decision has been made pending the report of the special subcommittee.

ALEEADY, THE GROUP has ascertained that major surgery performed on the anti-missile missile program in Defense Secretary McNamara's budget has, in effect, eliminated the Army's Nike-Zeus as a potential weapon system.

Under McNamara's backstage plan a new so-called improved Nike-X anti-missile missile would be developed by 1970.

This "missile gap" would give the Russians a four to seven-year lead in the deployment of an anti-missile missile. Important U.S. military authorities believe this would be suicidal for the country.

FRENCH INTELLIGENCE has advised that the Soviet missile tracking network in Cuba was started last September and will be in full operation by Iall.

The French are warning that this communication base was a vital facor in the Kremlin's decision to go ahead with the deployment of the "modified" SA-3 anti-missile missile system.

The tracking stations, located only 90 miles from the U.S., solved an important part of the Soviet's problem of charting the course of ICBMs launched from the U.S.

Once the course of such a missile is determined, the data is flashed to Moscow, where it will be fed into the anti-ICBM radar detection system. It, in turn, will direct anti-missile missiles at the oncoming ICBMs.

The Cuban stations also are providing the Russians with 'live' training practice since missiles launched from Cape Conaveral, Flacan be tracked from thousands of miles by Soviet radar technician.



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